Enterprises – Development Institutes (MSME-DIs) conduct District Industrial Potential Surveys in various districts once in five years. The potential surveys in respect of Mehsana, Sabarkantha, Banaskantha and Patan districts in Gujarat were conducted in the year 2004-05, 2005-06, 2003-04 and 2006-07, respectively. As per the surveys, these districts have scope to establish agro based, livestock based, local demand based, forest based and mineral based enterprises.

The development and promotion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises is primarily the responsibility of States/Union Territories. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the State Government/Union Territories for development and promotion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises through various schemes/programmes implemented across the country including the State of Gujarat. In addition, the Government announced the "Package for Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises" on 27.02.2007, which *inter-alia*, provides for credit support, fiscal support, support for cluster based development, technology and quality upgradation, marketing entrepreneurial and managerial development, empowerment of women owned enterprises and strengthening of data base for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Sector.

Creation of fund for slow down hit unorganized sector

3765. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has created any development bank or a fund for slowdown-hit unorganized sector which is bearing the brunt of slowdown like National Fund for the Unorganized Sector (NAFUS) to disburse credit as low as Rs. 10,000 at subsidized interest rates to small entrepreneurs, like paanwallahs, 'kirana store owners' or 'dhaba owners';

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when such fund would be created?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) A Fund for the Unorganised sector with a corpus of Rs.1,000 crore is under consideration of the Government.

Effect of economic slowdown on small scale industries

3766. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) how many small scale industries in the State have been affected due to economic slowdown in the country, State-wise;

(b) what steps have been taken by the State/Central Government to boost up the moral support of such affected industries; and